

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 3, 2006, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 19 is canceled and no claims were amended or added; as a result, claims 1-18, 20, 21, 23-29, 31-46, 48-74 are now pending in this application.

Claims Objections

Claim 19 is objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Appropriate correction has been made in the above listing of the claims. Applicant has canceled claim 19, therefore Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 19 under 37 CFR § 1.75(c).

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-6, 9-12, 14, 16, 19-21, 23, 27-29, 31-37, 39, 40, 42-43, 46, 49-51, 54, and 57-74 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallace, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,070,247). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows.

The Examiner stated in the August 3, 2006, Office Action with regard to the Wallace reference, "Cart 56 houses all elements of conferencing system 10 including docking station 14 and projector 28 has at least one speaker. In this device the docking station is further docked." The docking station in Wallace refers to a computer docking station. (col. 2, lines 58 and 61). The docking station in Wallace couples a mouse, a Zip drive, a CD ROM drive, an HDD, a smart board, multi-function printer, a video projector, and a notebook computer to a docking station. (col. 2, lines 57-67 and col. 3, lines 1-6). From Applicants review, the Wallace docking station is part of a greater multi-media conferencing system that electronically links these components together. The Wallace reference does not

teach or suggest a docking station that allows a projector to be selectively and releasably coupled to it.

In contrast, claim 1 recites “a docking station including speakers and a media drive” and “wherein said docking station is configured to selectively and releasably couple a projector to said docking station.”

Claim 20 recites “a docking station for supporting said image projection device” and “selectively coupling said image projection device to said docking station by mounting said image projection device onto said docking station.”

Claim 32 recites a docking station that includes “housing means” that is “configured to structurally and communicatively couple said projection means” and is “further configured to selectively and releasably couple with said projection means.”

Claim 42 recites “docking station” with “a body of said docking station” and “said body includes a media drive and cavity configured to receive a projector, with said body configured to selectively and releasably couple said projector.”

Claim 49 recites “a docking station” with “a plurality of multimedia components including a speaker and media drive within a housing” to “selectively and releasably couple a projector to said multimedia components.”

Claim 58 recites “a projector” and “a docking station including a speaker and media drive within a housing configured to selectively and releasably couple to said projector.”

The independent claims 1, 20, 32, 42, 39, and 58 claim a docking station that is used to selectively and releasably couple the projector to the docking station. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the Wallace reference does not teach or suggest each and every element and limitation of independent claims 1, 20, 32, 42, 49, and 58. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103 rejection of independent claims 1, 20, 32, 42, 49, and 58, as well as those claims that depend therefrom.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 8, and 24-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of this subject matter and will take action on these claims in a future response.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Timothy F. Meyers at (541) 715-4197 to facilitate prosecution of this matter.

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